

Senate tables grievance plan

By Ellen McKeough

A motion to revise operating procedures of the Committee on Student Grievances was presented to Senate by Professor David Jones at yesterday's Senate meeting. The Committee, which was established in 1972, has operated since then without any Senate-approved regulation or guidelines.

Jones' proposal calls for the Committee to work out a set of rules governing the type of grievance the Committee will handle, as well as the way in which it will be resolved. In the case of oral presentations, the proposal suggests that all parties involved be allowed to hear the presentation, and be allowed to make their own oral representations.

The motion also requests Committee members to give written reasons for its decisions, and the facts used in reaching them.

The Committee does not possess the power to change a student's mark in a McGill course. However, Jones' proposal moves that "If the method of determining the mark is unjust, the Committee shall refer the matter to Senate together with its recommendations for changing such marks or grades."

Most of the Senate members agreed with the spirit of the motion. "The two cases presented to the Committee this semester each had its own procedure," said Professor M. Onyszchuk, the Committee chairperson. According to Senate member Judge Gold, "It is a lot easier, even for the loser, to walk away from the Committee's decisions if he knows the rules have been followed."

Professor Antal Deutsch approved of Jones' motion, saying that the present Committee seems to protect the professors less than the students; professors were more vulnerable to unsubstantiated charges under the present system.

Onyszchuk criticized the section of Jones' proposal which stated that the Committee should adhere to current University rules where applicable. He termed this section "inflexible, because a student's grievance is often caused by these rules." Patricia Kirkpatrick, a student member of Senate also thought this section was inflexible, and proposed an amendment that would abolish it.



A long, cold winter starts in as we get our first real dusting of that irritating white stuff. Ski buffs, take heart: according to our almanac, there is much more to come. For the rest of us: well, six months isn't forever...

Bob Bellini

Canadian students observe day; Quebecois don't

OTTAWA (CUP)—About 300,000 Canadian students were reached by activities on National Student Day Nov 9, according to student organizers of the nation-wide discussion on financing cutbacks and related problems facing post-secondary students.

National organizers have termed the day a success, while admitting some mistakes were made, and are planning further action soon.

The day consisted mainly of workshops, seminars and forums on the related issues of tuition hikes, inadequate student aid programs and high student unemployment on the 75 out of approximately 125 campuses in Canada participating.

An additional 25 student unions did not initiate specific

programs but distributed NSD literature on their campuses, National Union of Students executive-secretary Dan O'Connor estimated.

Involvement in the day, including the type of program adopted and some of the literature distributed was left up to the individual student unions.

Although turnout in many places was low, this was the first time student unions held a national campaign and they are learning from their mistakes, according to O'Connor who announced the NUS leadership would be meeting Nov 27 to plan further actions.

Quebec was the only province not participating in the action, due to a lack of communication between the provincial student organization, L'Association nationale des étudiants du Québec (ANEQ) and the other student groups across the country.

In British Columbia, the best student turnouts were witnessed at the community colleges, while attendance at the three publically-funded universities was lower, according to reports.

Faced with drastically reduced funding which could result in severe course cuts turning their institutions into vocational schools, college students were most interested in the day, according to Bill Bell, fieldworker for the British Columbia Students' Federation.

Bell cited the campuses of Okanagan and Capilano as producing highly successful turnouts, with students resolving to carry out further work and

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Gertrude's may reopen

By Margaret Millar

According to Sam Kingdon, Trustee of the Students' Society, McGill may open a pub on a regular basis early next term.

Most students feel a pub is not only very desirable, but necessary. One student questioned was appalled that a offered so few student-organized activities. A pub, she felt, would provide a place for students, particularly freshmen, to meet other students in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. It would encourage students to stay on campus, she said, and would even enhance social life at McGill, offering a welcome

alternative to staying in on a Friday night.

The popularity of a pub among students makes curious the fact that one has not been open on a regular basis for one-and-a-half years. Last year, difficulty in obtaining an operating permit from the Quebec Government kept Gertrude's closed after Christmas. This year the urgency of getting Society functions operating took precedence over the establishment of a pub.

Ultimately, the establishment and operation of a pub will be the responsibility of Kingdon. However, a pub manager will directly run the pub.

He or she will be chosen by a pub committee, made up of three students and three others. They will be chosen on the basis of their knowledge of the operation of a pub. For those students interested in being on the committee, an advertisement will appear soon in the Daily.

Another advantage the pub offers is providing jobs. All the personnel hired, except maybe the manager, will be students.

All students interviewed said definitely they would go if McGill opened a pub. Since Sam Kingdon does not foresee any major difficulties in the opening of a pub, we may see one in January.

PQ pledges housing aid for students, sr. citizens

By Jack Anderson

Robert Burns, Quebec MNA for Maisonneuve, and Parti Québécois candidate in St.

Louis Ridin, Line Bourgeois, announced Wednesday that the Parti Québécois would subsidize the rehabilitation of older houses for students and old-age pensioners.

At the meeting held at CEGEP Vieux Montréal, Burns blasted the Liberal government in Quebec for destroying neighbourhoods and replacing them with autoroutes and space-eaters such as the Olympic Stadium. The Stadium, which is located in Burns' riding, cost the same as 40,000 low-cost housing units.

Bourgeois pointed out that

the downtown universities and CEGEPs have no provision for housing and the Liberal Government has no policy or plans to improve the housing situation.

Hitting out at government corruption, influence peddling and general inactivity, Burns envisioned the creation of neighborhood tenant boards to oversee rental rates and dwelling conditions.

The candidates offered an example of the type of authoritative landlords which exist in the city. A landlord locked all the doors of his two apartment

buildings when Bourgeois' mobile-home campaign headquarters appeared on his street. He hurled abuse at Bourgeois and told her that he wouldn't let his tenants out until she and her troupe left the area. The incident occurred in mid-afternoon and the tenants, mostly senior citizens, were unable to leave the building until the group had left.

The two candidates stressed the point that a PQ government would be infinitely more human and people-orientated in its housing policies, than the present Liberal administration.

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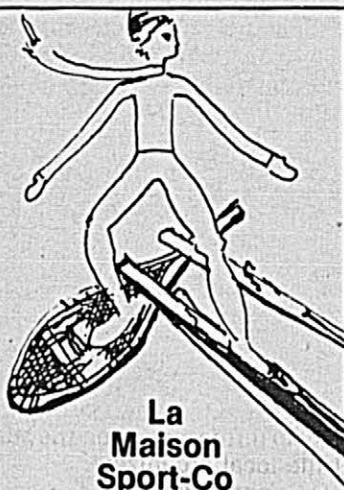
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Public inquiry on higher education

It's up to the provinces

OTTAWA [CUP] - The Federal Government will agree to student demands for a full public inquiry into the financing and planning of post-secondary education if provincial governments agree to it first, federal cabinet ministers told student representatives on Parliament Hill November 9.

Finance Minister Donald MacDonald and Secretary of State John Roberts told representatives from the National Union of Students (NUS) the Government welcomed a public inquiry on higher education on the provincial government's initiative, but rejected a NUS request that federal education financing continue for a two to three year period during the inquiry, without spending restriction.

The NUS requests were contained in a 16-page document summarizing the themes of tuition increases, regressive student aid programs and higher unemployment presented to the ministers on National Student Day, the nation-wide action reaching about 300,000 students on campuses across

the country.

NUS Executive Secretary Dan O'Connor said later he found the ministers' response disappointing in light of their refusal to consider postponing current negotiations between the Federal Government and the provinces on federal financing of higher education and social services.

He explained NUS' objections to the Federal Government's stated aim of reducing further its financial commitment to post-secondary education when the current cost-sharing agreement, the Fiscal Arrangements Act, expires next April.

In noting the Federal Government plans to lower its current annual ceiling of 15 per cent on expenditures to 12 per cent, and that there is "a vacuum of public discussion on post-secondary education", O'Connor concluded that National Student Day should be seen as just the beginning of student pressure on the government to stop education cutbacks.

The need for student aid is

especially great since MacDonald has said he will likely be meeting with provincial finance ministers at the end of November and hopes to reach a final arrangement with the provincial representatives at that time, O'Connor said.

O'Connor said the Federal Government remains suspicious of public inquiries, quoting Roberts as saying that inquiries "might bring pressure" on the Government.

The NUS document, called the Summary of Concerns, notes that public debate in the 1950s and early 1960s produced the drive for open access to, and accelerated growth of, the post-secondary system.

Today, when new policies are needed, governments have not encouraged a renewal of public participation in the selection of policies for post-secondary education", says the Summary.

The demand for the public inquiry came out of discussion on the Fiscal Arrangements Act at the NUS fall conference last October.

Delegates agreed an inquiry conducted by a board compris-

ing representatives of government, students, faculty, and labour and business was the best way to deal with the secretive and little-known negotiations on fiscal transfers. In interviews following the

meeting with the NUS representatives, Roberts and a spokesperson for MacDonald repeated their agreement for a provincially-approved public inquiry, but declined further comment.

Labour Notes

By Marie Poirier

The Alcan strike:

Workers at the Alcan plant in Shawinigan are now on strike. Their co-workers in Arvida (in the Saguenay region) have been on strike since last June.

Two weeks ago, Bourassa campaigned in the Saguenay area and workers booed him. The campaign has not accelerated the settlement of the conflict, even though Alcan is an important source of jobs and revenues for the region.

The campaign is almost over and no settlement is near. The workers are becoming more militant and have launched a big publicity campaign in the region to counter the management's widely-read Arvida-area newspaper.

Automobile industry:

The United Auto Workers (UAW) and Ford Canada and Chrysler signed their contract this week, largely based on the American contract. Unlike the situation in the United States, no strike has occurred.

The contract is not yet signed in the United States with General Motors, the biggest auto manufacturer in North America. The union is legally allowed to strike November 18.

Canadian and American auto workers negotiate and sign separately, but the Canadians base their demands on parity with their U.S. counterparts.

The principal demands concern the time off because the work in the heavily automated industry is unpleasant. Good pay is not sufficient to attract workers in this industry. Also, holidays help to spread work, precluding massive layoffs when the sales slump.

Number of unemployed increases:

Labour Notes also mention people who don't work. The unemployment rate in Quebec for October was 10 percent, an increase of 4 percent over September, and winter, when more people are unemployed, hasn't come yet.

Elections and labour:

Labour relations preoccupy all major political parties. The Liberal party wants to limit the right to strike in the public sector—the Union Nationale, to abolish it.

Can the Parti Québécois do better? Yes. They don't maintain a policy which would limit the right to strike, but the PQ separates itself from labour unions to present an image of moderation, serenity, and stability that would prevail if they come to power.

This new image is projected to attract the owners of small enterprises and smalltime executives that have habitually voted Liberal. It indicates the end of the myth that the Parti Québécois defends mainly the interests of the working class.

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striking committees for that purpose.

In Alberta the story was similar, with strong responses at the community colleges, according to Federation of Alberta Students President Brian Mason.

NSD organizer Noel Jantzie cited attendances of approximately 150 each at major Alberta campuses, and noted some passed resolutions and set up committees to do further work.

Mason noted the recent FAS fall conference struck committees to work on cutbacks and tuition increases expected in the next academic year.

Committees to work on tuition fees, student aid and problems facing foreign students were formed from workshop discussions at the universities of Regina and Saskatchewan.

Regina Student Union Executive Bob Buckingham was not dismayed by what he termed a low turnout, saying he felt the educational value of the debates was important and that NSD "was just the beginning" of student action.

The informational value of NSD was stressed by local organizers at Winnipeg's two universities, although an International Students Organization formed out of a discussion on foreign student tuition hikes was evidence of action in the province. Of the workshops set up to discuss the problems of the various faculties at the University of Manitoba, the largest turnout occurred in the Engineering Dept, with about

400 students turning out to a discussion on the Dept's threatened loss of accreditation.

UW organizer Dianne Schwartz said NSD "isn't a one-time thing, it is a start of talks."

In Ontario about 20,000 students participated in activities across the province, according to a staff member of the Ontario Federation of Students.

Allan Golombek said a number of campuses struck committees to work further on student aid, foreign student tuition hikes and an imminent tuition rise for Canadian students, citing community colleges as the most active.

He said the federation received a 'polite but vague response' when it presented an OFS document summarizing Ontario students' concerns to the province's Minister of Colleges and Universities and the Minister of Social Services. About half of the opposition members in the legislature were wearing NSD buttons, according to Golombek.

All of Ontario's publically-funded universities, except for Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, which has a dispute with NUS over an alleged lack of NUS activities on that campus, were involved in NSD activities.

Golombek said he felt the main value of NSD in Ontario was "Now we have a student population which is aware of the issues."

Five campuses in the Atlantic region, which opted into NSD only nine days before at the fall conference of the Atlantic Federation of Students, participated in NSD activities.

At Cape Breton College 200 out of the 600 students enrolled turned out for a general meeting,

while 600 students at Memorial University in Newfoundland showed up to hear provincial Education Minister Wallace House. Students there struck a committee of 50 to lobby the provincial and federal governments on student concerns.

The universities of Dalhousie, St. Mary's and Mt. St. Vincent in Halifax averaged about 100 students each at their respective general meetings.

NUS Atlantic Fieldworker Miguel Figueroa said many student unions which previously have viewed themselves as service-oriented are now aware of the type of work they can do on student concerns.

National Student Day was a success and at the same time was "not enough," according to NUS' O'Connor.

In a statement Nov 10 O'Connor said student unions were just learning how to conduct a national campaign, and NSD was just the beginning of further action on a provincial and national basis, announcing that the NUS leadership was meeting to plan further action Nov 27.

In estimating that between 25,000 and 40,000 students participated in NSD activities, O'Connor said the biggest flaw with the majority of campus programs was the absence of a plan for further action on the part of the local organizers.

O'Connor said the most successful actions occurred where organizers planned a direction for discussions, while on some campuses students spontaneously directed discussions to some resolution.

"The build-up campaign's work was successful, and people saw nothing new in the workshops that would get something done about the concerns," according to O'Connor.

Recreational Skating

Skating enthusiasts are off to a slippery start again this year so we would like to remind you of the times and rules governing recreational skating.

1. Winter Stadium is open for recreational skating on Mondays from 21:45 to 23:00 hours, Fridays from 15:30 to 16:45 hours, and Saturdays from 21:00 to 22:30 hours.
2. Only those in possession of a valid I.D. card will be admitted.
3. Speed Skates are definitely NOT permitted.

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Francophone students voting PQ or not at all

By Myron Welik

In recent discussions with students from the Université de Montréal and Université du Québec on the upcoming provincial elections, two general predominant opinions emerged.

Montreal francophone students polled on their views on the upcoming elections either vigorously denounce all the major parties, accusing them of being tools of the capitalist system, or are unequivocally behind the Parti Québécois. Support for the Union Nationale and Liberals may exist among the French universities, but it was less than evident among students interviewed at l'Université de Montréal U de M) or Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).

The basic rationale underlying the two predominant points of view appears based on ideological differences among various student cadres. The Marxist-Leninist groups at both universities, applying their communist principles, assert that the elections are a farce and regardless of which party wins on November 15, the capitalist system will be preserved.

Students of the Université de Montréal, who are ideologically closer to the political centre, expressed enthusiasm over the strong possibility of a Parti

Québécois victory. A PQ victory, they feel, would bring the control of money back to the Québécois people, and away from English Canada and the U.S.

According to André Lemire, staff member of a Université de Montréal Marxist paper, *Le Quartier Latin*, "The view of our newspaper is that there is only one alternative come November 15. That is to cancel your vote. We do not believe any change in the capitalist society can be brought about by these elections. The Parti Québécois will not help the workers."

But other students polled felt this was limited largely to *Le Quartier*, and that most U de M students would vote PQ. Nationalistic feelings are high here. Another staff member of *Le Quartier Latin*, Claude Peelét stated that, "The closer the PQ approaches power, the more it shows its real nature—a desire to construct a Québécois capitalist society."

According to these students, and others at l'Université du Québec, the emotional issue of independence is a ruse by all the parties, one that seeks to divide the workers, distract public attention away from the bread and butter issues, and thwart any meaningful effort to come to grips with workers' problems.

"The main issue is economic, as it is

all over the world," says Michel Maheu, a student at l'Université du Québec. Maheu concurs with the position taken by *Le Quartier Latin* towards the elections and adds that, "The differences between Quebec and the rest of Canada are secondary. Fundamentally, we are the same. We have one essential common point. That is a society of two main classes. The forces of production and the workers. I think this fact transcends linguistic and cultural boundaries. There are class divisions among all groups. We have to unite workers, it doesn't matter if they are from Quebec, Ontario, or British Columbia." Maheu said, however, that it was impossible to accurately define a general feeling among students at the Université du Québec. No consensus of support existed. If any common sentiment pervaded the UQAM campus, it was one of disenchantment with all parties. But as Maheu indicated, "I would be going out on a limb in saying even this."

Another major paper on the Université de Montréal campus is *Le Polyscope*. This paper is put out by the students from the engineering faculty, who are certainly more centrist than those of *Le Quartier Latin*. "The students here are a little more awakened to the political situation than they were a

couple of years ago because the PQ is much more in the position to form a government. The general feeling among students who participate in political groups and discussions is that it is time the PQ came to power. The PQ, for us, is the only party that can do anything. Nobody wants to even talk about the Liberal Party and the Union Nationale is a big joke to us, it's like going back 20 years," says Pierre Asselin, student representative. The major issue, according to Asselin, "is a government that cannot assume its responsibilities, is totally incompetent and that is what the PQ is riding on."

Jean Rondeau, a staff member of *Le Polyscope*, believes that Bill 22 and language are the issues of the campaign. On the question of independence, Asselin explained why he felt he leaned heavily towards separation. "I don't see any English identity or culture, while the French people have a strong identity."

Many French students dream of a Québécois blend of nationalism and business. Perhaps Asselin and Rondeau best summed up their feelings with these words, "The English control their economy much more than we control our own. I think the Parti Québécois will help bring a lot of this control back to us."

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Advisory Policy Committee: Meeting at 4:30 pm. Students who wish to observe the meeting must do so by registering with the receptionist at the Students' Society Office today. Only the first five to sign up may attend.

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A pre-registration for tournament and information meeting from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Union B42. All welcome. Prizes for the best novice team.

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Clubs & Societies:

Mr. Kingdon will meet with the

heads of the Functional Groups Friday, 12 November, 1:00-2:00 pm., Union 327. The major topic of discussion will be space allocation in the University Centre.

Chemistry Dept.:

Around-lunch meeting, noon, Otto Maass Chem. rm. 215. Dr. V. Ettel of Inco discusses "Chemistry and Extractive Metallurgy". (Co-ordination chemistry breakthrough in separation case history of Lichs reagents—how, when, why, where from analytical viewpoint for copper.) Enjoy your sandwich with this.

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Parti Québécois:

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What is a Woman?:

The McGill Committee for Teaching and Research on Women and the Office of the Dean of Students present the second Interdisciplinary Seminar Series on Women. Guest speaker, Dr. Eileen Higham, Psychohormonal Research Unit, Johns Hopkins Medical School, will speak on "What is

Woman?" Research on Gender Identity. Slides will be shown. Among other research, Dr. Higham has done some on hermaphrodites. Chairperson will be Dr. R. Steinberg; respondents, Dr. T. Maroun and Dr. J. Stewart. Tonight at 8 pm Leacock 26.

McGill Shotokan Karate Club:

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Community McGill:

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Ukrainian Club:

Due to popular demand, yet another meeting has been scheduled. Today, at the Union 307 at 4 pm. 325-4494.

Remembrance Day:

A short Service was held in the University Chapel, 3520 University Street, at 10:50 am.

Economics Students' Association Journal Committee:

All students who would like to help publish a journal of economics should come to the meeting at 12:30 pm in the Redpath library drop-in centre, room R2-10.

Tennis Club:

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Killing of Sister George:

McGill Players proudly announces the second week of its first evening show, THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE, by Frank Marcus, at the Players' Theater, Union building, 3480 McTavish. Tonight at 8:30 pm running through until Saturday November 13th. Tickets are \$3.00 general admission, and \$2.00 students and senior citizens. For reservations call the Union box office at 392-8926 from 9am-4 pm, or 392-8989 after hours.

Neighbourhood Power:

David Morris, co-director of the

Institute for Local Self-Reliance in Washington, D.C. will speak about the spirit of the new localism through which communities can regain political and economic power. 8 pm. Burnside Hall room 45.

Hillel evening nash:

Bagels and cream cheese, soup, tea or coffee and cake all for 75 cents. 5-7 pm at Hillel House, 3460 Stanley St. Info. 845-9171.

Women's Union:

Videotape of Susan Brownmiller, author of the book "Against Our Will", speaking in Hartford, Conn. Union rooms 457 & 458 at 7:30 pm. Admission free.

Women's Badminton:

All those who signed up for intramural singles competition come to Currie gym 7:30 pm till 9:30 pm.

By Josée Gravel

The Parti Québécois' labour platform is an optimistic approach to the situation of unrest which pervades the province. Compared to the Union Nationale's proposed measures to abolish the right to strike in the public sector, and to Bourassa's naive search for a "miracle" solution, the alternative offered by the PQ comes as a relief to many Quebecers. Among the major contending parties, the PQ stands alone in its belief that different factions of the Quebec community, given the necessary administrative and legislative means and guidance, can sit at the same table, discuss issues and reach a compromise.

Deploing the lack of communication which divides the labour world, René Lévesque recently commented, "If there is unrest in the labour world, it is mainly because the Government is not capable of playing the role of mediator, or supreme arbitrator which every responsible government should assume."

Once elected, a péquiste government proposes to revise the negotiation process by providing a clear set of rules governing each step of the process; conciliation, mediation and arbitration. Negotiations between management and union would operate within the guidelines of tripartite participation of government, management and union.

The context of economic planning is an important one in industrial relations. Accordingly, to coordinate the demands of labour with the restrictions of the economy,

the Parti Québécois proposes the formation of an autonomous board on food price control. This body's main duty will be to collect and provide pertinent data on the evolution of the economic situation, on the fluctuation of poverty levels and on inflation and deflation indexes. Referring to such data, union and management will be better able to adjust actions and demands to the requirements of a healthy economy.

The Parti Québécois professes to be a social democratic party. It is then understood that a péquiste government will implement measures to protect the social rights of individual workers, more particularly pertaining to health and safety. The PQ is aware of the problems existing in that area, the number of work accidents having risen by 23 percent in the past six years. It proposes the formation of a committee to study the situation and to make recommendations for the reinforcement of safety measures. As a matter of special importance, the case of the asbestos mine workers will have particular emphasis.

As far as the rights of the individual union members are concerned within internal union affairs, the Parti Québécois will make known to union members the possibility to demand the respect of democracy, first in internal structures and then by an efficient appeal procedure.

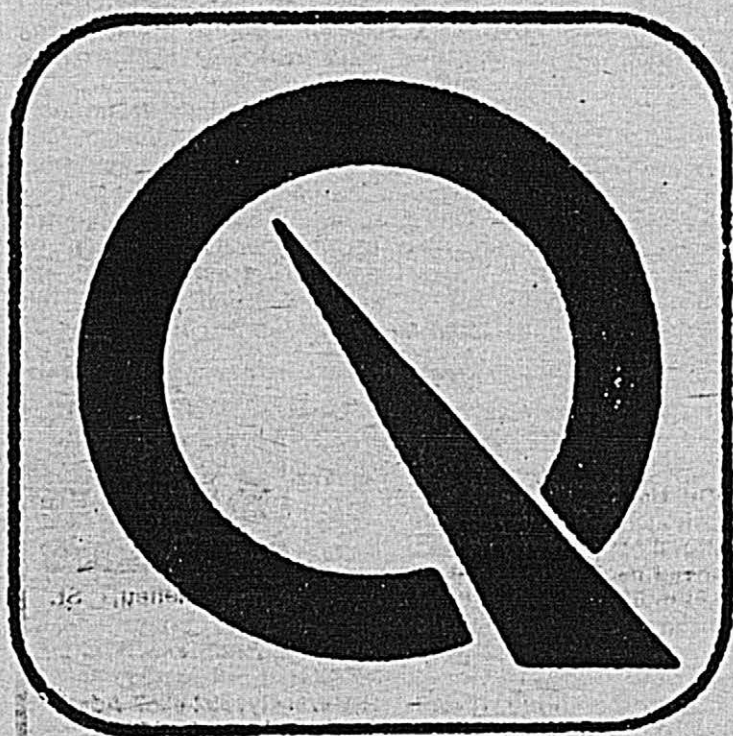
The Parti Québécois believes that Rodrigue Biron's proposal of removing the right to strike in the public sector is a "poetic" approach to the problem. Its more viable alternative will be to look for the collaboration of authorized union rep-

resentatives and to put up efficient structures of permanent consultation in sectorial negotiation to favour discussion and mutual agreement preceding any legislative or administrative procedures drawn up by the state or advocated by private management.

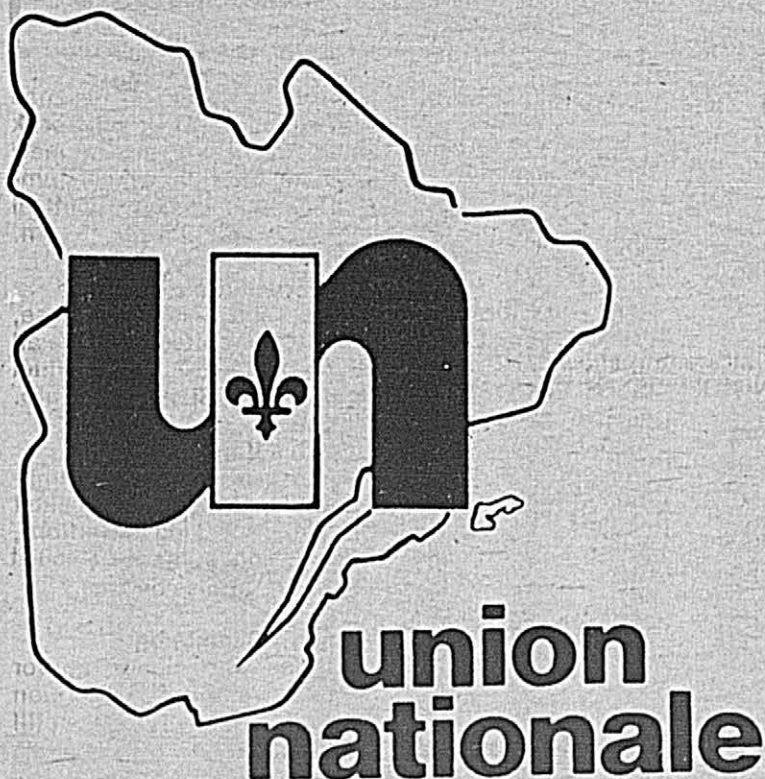
In the event of a strike in the public sector, a péquiste government claims it will guarantee by law the provision of essential services. Evidently, the mediator in such a conflict will not be a member of government but an outsider who will endeavour to look at demands and offers objectively.

The only criticism one can apply to the Parti Québécois' approach to labour relations is that such measures are in fact too optimistic to be practical in a chaotic and "corrupt" labour world. It may happen that union leaders refuse to cooperate with the Government in applying the proposed measures. In this case, a labour policy which assumes tripartite participation in negotiations would not be viable. However, during the present campaign, the Parti Québécois, whether it likes it or not, has received the support of Louis Laberge, leader of the FTQ. This by no means suggests that Lévesque will benefit from the support of the whole labour world. Past experience has shown that the worker's mind is autonomous in making political decisions. But nevertheless, it does suggest that labour leaders, after having lived through the Bourassa régime and after having fought his repressive measures, will not turn its back to a program of peaceful and permanent negotiations.

The PQ: Lots and lots of big promises



The UN: "Relentlessly anti-labour"



By Ron Doyle

Historically, the Union Nationale has been relentlessly anti-labour. Under its founder, Maurice Duplessis, the party's power was based upon a "holy alliance" between the UN government, the Catholic Church and big business. Dissent in the form of worker-protest was violently suppressed. The most famous labour conflict in Quebec's history, the Asbestos Strike, occurred in reaction to the UN's "free enterprise policies".

Quebec society has come a long way since 1949, but the Union Nationale has remained remarkably negative in its attitude towards labour. The UN's official electoral platform states that "in the public and para-public sectors the right to strike will be replaced by permanent bargaining, conciliation and arbitration mechanisms applied within delays previously determined."

This attitude can scarcely be

called good labour relations. Barring the right to strike to government employees can only exacerbate the province's already tense labour situation.

The UN platform also proposes that "an actual control over the unions' finances be established." Labour leaders in Quebec fear this is the beginning of "big brother" type watchdog authorities that will virtually place unions under trusteeship. Taking away the union's financial autonomy will also undermine their political autonomy. As UN leadership is aware, the proposal would give the Government the power to channel dues and seize strike funds.

The Union Nationale supports permanent wage control legislation. One of their proposals calls for a "wage policy to be elaborated within a global income policy in accordance with the funds available for payroll purposes (wage bill) and its distribution."

According to a UN spokes-

man, this would function "somewhat like the Anti-Inflation Board but would be of a long-term nature".

In the labour-relations sector the UN seems to be heading backwards in time. The party is using language reminiscent of Duplessis. Instead of repressing labour with riot sticks and submachine guns, the new UN will use legislation and "labour commissions".

Rodrigue Biron, leader of the Union Nationale, has recently told reporters that Duplessis has been treated unfairly by historians. Biron compared his campaign with that of the Duplessis campaign of 1936 which led to the defeat of the Liberal Government of Alexandre Taschereau.

"Quebec voters are looking for a leader with Duplessis' qualities," he declared. "Quebec needs a firm hand in developing new policies, particularly in respect to energy, education and labour."

Dene's struggle for self-determination:

"We wish to live, survive as a people"

By Collin Gribbons

OTTAWA (LNS)—Threatened with the destruction of their society by encroaching industrial development, the Indians of the Northwest Territories—a vast area over two million square miles in northern Canada—are demanding that the government recognize their right to self-determination.

Leaders of the 7,000 Indians filed a formal demand with the Canadian government October 25 for ownership rights and separate political jurisdiction over the federally administered area. Their demand encompasses all the Northwest Territories not included in a similar claim made by 15,000 Eskimos to the federal government in February.

"What we are demanding is nothing short of a universal human right," George Erasmus, president of the Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories, told Canada's Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs.

George Kodakin, a chief from Fort Franklin, put the position succinctly: "We wish to see our children enjoy a good life," he said, in the Slavey dialect. "We wish to live as a people. We wish to survive as a people."

The Dene (meaning "people" in the Native dialects) position puts them into direct conflict with the consortium of Canadian and American multinational oil corporations, who want to build a pipeline for Alaskan and Mackenzie River Delta oil and gas directly through Indian land. But the Indians say they have never surrendered the land to the Canadian government, and they want their claims settled before pipeline construction begins. The Dene are backed by a large majority of Canadian opinion.

Past "settlements" forced Indians off lands

The Dene want the government to recognize their aboriginal rights—to use and occupy the land they have lived on for centuries. But, in past land settlements with Native people, the Canadian government has demanded that their aboriginal rights be extinguished in exchange for compensation for their land. At James Bay in northern Quebec, for instance, a huge settlement was negotiated last year, so that a \$20 billion hydroelectric project could be built to supply the eastern U.S. with electric power, resulting in the flooding

and strip-mining of traditional Dene lands. The Dene has recently refused a cash settlement from the Canadian government.

Unlike in the U.S., most Canadian Indian tribes were never conquered by government forces. Instead, they signed what they thought were peace and friendship treaties. But the treaties were later used to force Indians off their lands and onto reserves.

The Dene, too, signed what they thought to be peace and friendship treaties in the 1920s. But, as George Erasmus of the Northwest Territories Indian Brotherhood pointed out in an interview, they were later found to be fraudulent.

"The only legal instrument that can be used to say that the Dene are part of Canadian society is the treaties. That is the only legal instrument that can be used to bind the Dene to Canada," Erasmus explained. "And they are fraudulent. We've taken the federal government to court over them. They're not truthful at all."

"The way our old people recognize the treaties is as treaties between nations. Up until the time of the treaties, the Dene people had always made decisions for themselves; had always decided how they were going to live on the land. And it was land that they had historically lived on."

"You're not going to tell me that a treaty party that goes through the communities, in an hour-and-a-half in some cases, is going to persuade people somehow, or other to give up all of their historical rights to the land, to be able to govern themselves. It's just absolutely impossible."

New type of settlement demanded

"It does not take a very astute man to see that the idea of 'negotiating' the extinguishment of one's political rights is ludicrous," said Erasmus. "For us, negotiation is a process leading to a mutually acceptable conclusion. 'Agreement' is a word which cannot be used to describe an imposed solution. Agreements cover non-exploitative relationships; and it is such an agreement which the Dene seek to attain with the people of Canada. It is the principle of self-determination which differentiates the Dene position from all previous examples of 'settlements' imposed by the federal government on the aboriginal



Some of the Indian delegates from the Northwest Territories submitting a demand for self-determination to the Federal Government.

peoples of Canada."

The Dene demanded the Canadian government accept some basic principles before negotiations on settling outstanding Dene land claims can proceed, including:

- the rights to recognition, self-determination and ongoing growth and development of the Dene as a people;
- the right to establish a separate Dene government within the framework of the Canadian constitution;
- the right of the Dene to keep enough of their land to ensure their independence and self-reliance;
- the right to practice and preserve their own languages, traditions, customs and values; and
- the right to develop their own institutions and enjoy their rights as a people within the framework of those institutions.

Dene struggle: focal point in Canada

The Dene struggle in the Northwest Territories has become the focal point for Native opposition to government racism. Central to the struggle is the Dene Declaration, adopted at an assembly in 1975, which sets forth the theoretical groundwork on which the Dene nation concept is based. Compar-

ing themselves to "the people of the Third World who have fought for and won the right to self-determination," the declaration demands that the Canadian government recognize the Dene as a nation.

George Erasmus explained, "This Dene nation idea that we're talking about, all we're talking about is the recognition of what is already ours; recognition of something we've never given up. This is what the Dene Declaration is all about. It's a historical statement. It's a fact in our history."

Whether the Canadian government will recognize that fact, however, is another matter. The government has consistently sided with the oil interests at the expense of the Native people in the past. And Canada's new energy policy commits the country to increasing volumes of oil and gas exports to the U.S. in the future.

The Dene, it appears, have a hard, uphill struggle ahead of them. Between them and the settlement of their claims to sovereignty stands the plan to build a 2400-mile pipeline worth in the neighborhood of \$8 billion, which the multinational energy corporations are eager to start.

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We, the Dene of the Northwest Territories, insist on the right to be regarded by ourselves and the world as a nation. As once Europe was the exclusive homeland of the European peoples, Africa the exclusive homeland of the African peoples, the New World, North and South America, was the exclusive homeland of the Aboriginal peoples of the New World, the Amerindian and the Inuit.

The New World, like other parts of the world, has suffered the experience of colonialism and imperialism. Other peoples have occupied the land—often with force—and foreign governments have imposed themselves on our people. Ancient civilizations and ways of life have been destroyed.

The African and Asian peoples—the peoples of the Third World—have fought for and won the right to self-determination, the right to recognition as distinct peoples and the recognition of themselves as a nation.

But in the New World, the Native peoples have not fared so well.

The Dene find themselves as part of a country. That country is Canada. But the government of Canada is not the government of the Dene. These governments were not the choice of the Dene, they were imposed on the Dene.

And while there are realities we are forced to submit to, such as the existence of a country called Canada, we insist on the right to self-determination as a distinct people and the recognition of the Dene as a nation.

What we seek then is independence and self-determination within the country of Canada. This is what we mean when we call for a just land settlement for the Dene nation.

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